TWELFTH DAY

Tuesday, 14th October 1941.

The House reassembled at the Jagan Mohan Palace Pavilion on Tuesday, 14th October, 1941, at half past eleven of the clock, Mr. President (*Rajamantrapravina* N. Madhava Rau, B.A., B. L., Dewan) in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—*contd.*

Rules governing the Grant of Pension to Dewans.

Q.—117. **Mr. G. NARAYANA GOWDA** (Kolar—Rural).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) (i) the names of the various Dewans from 1881 up to June 1941 ;

(ii) the salary that each of them was getting during his period of service ;

(iii) the pension that was paid to each of them ;

(*b*) the rules governing the grant of pensions to the Dewans ?

A.—**The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Rajasevaprasakta B. T. Kesavaiengar).**—

(*a*) *Vide* statement put up.

(*b*) There are no special rules governing the grant of pension to Dewans.

Mr. G. NARAYANA GOWDA.—With reference to answer to (*b*), may I know whether the ordinary rules governing the grant of pensions to Government servants in general apply also in the case of Dewans ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—No.

Mr. G. NARAYANA GOWDA.—If not, what other rules govern the grant of pensions to them ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—The question of pensions to public servants cannot be discussed on the floor of the House as it is an excluded subject under the provisions of the Government of Mysore Act, 1940.

Premature Publication, in the Public Press, of Questions and Answers.

At this stage, **Mr. Bhupalam R. CHANDRASEKHARAYYA** brought to the notice of the President that certain questions and answers which were going to be answered in the House only that day, had been published by certain local newspapers on the 6th itself and the speaker did not know how that could have happened. Personally, he was of the opinion that questions should not be published before they were actually answered on the floor of the House.

Mr. A. N. RAMA RAO, in supporting this view, observed that as the members themselves were instructed not to publish questions and answers before the questions were actually put and answers given, it went without saying that the Press also should conform to it by not giving publicity to them prematurely.

The PRESIDENT replied that, whereas in some of the Assemblies of British India, answers were only furnished on the floor of the House, the practice followed in Mysore was that answers, as and when they were received, were printed along with the questions, and copies were distributed in advance to the members in the course of the session as soon as printed copies were received from Press. Having thus received copies of the questions and answers in advance, some of the papers might have published them. There could, therefore, be no objection to their having got at the copies. But it would have been well if they had not published the questions and answers until the questions had been actually answered in the

House. Now that the matter had been raised, he hoped that the suggestion which he had just made would be taken note of by the Press for future guidance.

Inter-village Communications in Honnali Taluk.

Q.—119. **Mr. K. KOTTURAPPA** (Honnali—Rural).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the amount spent by Government in Honnali Taluk for inter-village communication in the years 1937-38, 1938-39, 1939-40 and 1940-41 ;

(*b*) the amount provided for Honnali Taluk from the Inter-village Communication Fund in the current year ;

(*c*) from what villages in Honnali have petitions been received requesting facilities for the inter-village communication ;

(*d*) out of those petitions, how much amount has been allotted and to how many roads ;

(*e*) for how many roads estimates have been prepared ;

(*f*) how many roads were decided to be taken up in the Honnali Taluk Conference of 1940-41 and what is the action taken in respect of roads so decided to be taken ?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, LAW DEPARTMENT (Mr. H. V. Narayana Rao).**—

(*a*) No amount was spent through the Revenue Department.

(*b*) Allotments are not yet made for the current year.

(*c*) (1) Chinnikatte,
(2) Belagutti,
(3) Rameswara,
(4) Tharaganahalli.

(*d*) The question is not clear.

(*e*) An estimate for Rs. 24-11-0 has been prepared for taking up one road work, *viz.*, Chinnikatte-Belagutti Road through the Kudurekonda Range of hills. A sum of Rs. 20,564 has been allotted towards this work.

(*f*) Resolutions were passed praying for taking up three road works.

The matter has been referred to the President, District Board, Shimoga, for consideration as resolved upon at the Taluk Conference.

Mr. K. KOTTURAPPA.—With reference to the answer to (*a*), was any amount spent through any other department ?

Mr. H. V. NARAYANA RAO.—Notice.

Mr. K. KOTTURAPPA.—What is the allotment made for the Shimoga District?

Mr. H. V. NARAYANA RAO.—Allotments have not yet been made for the current year

Mr. K. KOTTURAPPA.—Will not the works be unnecessarily delayed if the allotments are not made ?

The MINISTER for LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT and PUBLIC HEALTH (Mr. H. B. Gundappa Gowda).—Not necessarily. Part of the last year's allotment is probably available, and the work may be proceeded with, with its help. Estimates for the current year are expected to come up only now, and when received, Government may sanction them.

Mr. K. KOTTURAPPA.—To what year does the estimate referred to in the answer to (*e*) relate ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—Probably that is part of the allotment made last year.

Mr. K. KOTTURAPPA.—Has the estimate been sanctioned ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—Not yet. The relative records are awaited.

Mr. K. KOTTURAPPA.—With reference to answer (*f*), is it possible for the Shimoga District Board to take up three road works, with its poor finances ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—It is for the District Board to say whether they can take up the works or not.

Mr. K. KOTTURAPPA.—In view of its known inability to find funds, will the required amount be provided from the Inter-village Communication Fund ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—If the local body concerned cannot find the funds, the Deputy Commissioner has the discretion vested in him either to take up the works or not.

Mr. K. KOTTURAPPA.—Will circular instructions be issued to the Deputy Commissioners that they must take up important works even in such cases ?